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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 149  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Lady Golden Bears of Mt. Juliet High School on their outstanding basketball season.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Juliet High School Lady Golden Bears are one such estimable team; during their 2000-01 season, they achieved tremendous success and ensured that this year's team will hold an important place in the rich history of Mt. Juliet girls basketball; and

WHEREAS, Compiling a magnificent record of thirty-two wins and just four losses, the Lady Golden Bears won the championships of District 9AAA and Region 5AAA; advancing through the postseason gauntlet, they won their Sub-State championship game to earn a berth in the TSSAA AAA State Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, In Murfreesboro, Mt. Juliet High's girls easily disposed of the vaunted Oak Ridge High School team in their opening round game; in the Final Four, they were paired with the powerful Shelbyville Golden Eaglettes in a match-up of two top contenders; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Golden Bears mounted a serious threat to the nationally-ranked Shelbyville squad, but they eventually fell to the famed Shelbyville squad in a terrific contest; and

WHEREAS, This laudable basketball team attained its magnificent success through much hard work, and tremendous teamwork; that success was also precipitated by the vast talents of the individuals who comprised the squad; and

WHEREAS, Senior Jennifer Johnson averaged 14.64 points per game, hit greater than 80% of her free throws, and earned recognition as a AAA Miss Basketball Finalist; and

WHEREAS, Senior Jamie Hickman shot 72% from the free throw line and demanded respect from her competition by hitting 34% of her shots from behind the three-point arc; and

WHEREAS, Junior Courtney McFarlin led the Lady Golden Bears in scoring with 15.84 points per game and hit 74.61% of her free throws; and

WHEREAS, Junior Denina Lockridge was successful on an astounding 60.54% of her field goal attempts and contributed 14.74 points per game to the Mt. Juliet efforts; and

WHEREAS, Junior Amy Holmes was an all-around contributor to the Lady Golden Bears who shot 72% from the two-point area and had 42 assists and 59 steals; and

WHEREAS, Junior Keisha Tunstill served as a defensive specialist and repeatedly shut down the opponent's best player while pulling down 109 rebounds despite her 5'4" stature; and

WHEREAS, Junior Rachel Day made many invaluable contributions to her team's success and displayed a fantastic attitude and unquestioned loyalty to her coaches; and

WHEREAS, Sophomore Mandy Upton overcame knee surgery and emerged as a quality ball-handler and outside shooting threat as she averaged 6 points per game from the point; and

WHEREAS, Sophomore Lauren Hudson shot 75% from the charity stripe this season, improved greatly as the season progressed, and will be a force during future seasons; and

WHEREAS, Freshman Christy Welch led the freshman team with 16 points per game, and she contributed to the varsity squad by shooting 43% from three-point-range; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Johnson, Courtney McFarlin, and Denina Lockridge earned All-District recognition and were joined by Mandy Upton on the All-District Tournament and All-Region Teams; Miss Johnson and Miss McFarlin also were named to the All-State Team; and

WHEREAS, These talented young ladies were ably guided by a Mt. Juliet High School alumnus, Coach Chris Fryer; he and his Assistant Coaches, John Simms and Chuck Groover, laid the groundwork for the Lady Golden Bears' success by sharing their substantial knowledge and love of basketball with the young ladies on the team; and

WHEREAS, The coaches and players received much assistance from the team's Managers, Brooke Vail and Katie Givens; Miss Vail was in charge of filming duties, and Miss Givens maintained the Lady Golden Bears' scorebook; and

WHEREAS, Principal Judy Monroe and Athletic Director Tim Bell greatly contributed to the Lady Golden Bears' success by providing their fullest support to the basketball program; and

WHEREAS, The basketball players at Mt. Juliet High School epitomize all that is good in the ideal student-athlete; they have achieved notable success on the basketball court while displaying the utmost character both inside and outside of the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, The stalwart dedication, strong work ethic, and many talents of this group of young ladies not only led to an outstanding season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Mt. Juliet Lady Golden Bears for their success on the court and for serving as excellent examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this Body joins the Mt. Juliet High School administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans in congratulating the players, coaches, and managers of the Lady Golden Bears on their remarkable success during the 2000-01 season and wishes them every future success, both on and off the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.